



CENTRAL OHIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION



Box 1561, Dublin, OH 43017

April, 2019

When: 7 p.m., April 17
Where: Oakstone Academy
900 Club Dr., Westerville
Who: John R.
Topics: Peace dollars

April presentation

On March 10 or 11, 2015, out of a lark, after seeing a 1921 Peace dollar on eBay going for a rather low price, I decided to bid on it. I always had had an admiration for the Peace dollar series, and since I had recently gotten a copy of the 2013 Guide to US Coins: Prices and Value Trends: in part edited by CONA's own Tony Cass and Gerry Tebben, I decided to go for it. To my surprise, I won it. A few days later it arrived and was much nicer than the photos had indicated. I put it in my rudimentary collection of Peace dollars consisting of two 1923-D dollars acquired by my wife when a lady had cashed in her husband's silver dollar collection for \$1 each.

After a few days, the three dollars looked like a lonely bunch, and looking in the book, it seemed that a great number of Peace dollars were going for what seemed to be ridiculously low prices for the degree of rarity than the mintages indicated, I bought a few more. The snowball began to roll downward. By My birthday, May 13, 2015, I had gotten a complete date and mint set of all the Peace dollars, plus a number of true rarities. For a total cost of 1,995.16, including shipping costs and the \$2 I paid my wife for the two 1923-D silver dollars. - *John*



March presentation

Steve Petty treated us to a two-part presentation - a revealing Q&A with Marlene C., Marie G. and Mike R. and a report on the Society of Medalists.

The Society, which was active from 1930 to 1995, issued 139 medals that were designed by some of America's greatest sculptors, including coin designers Laura Gardin Fraser, Herman MacNeil and Anthony de Francisci

Steve recounted how he came to buy an almost complete set in one transaction.

Heath M., who came up from Dayton, said he chanced upon a herd of silver 1993 dinosaur medals a few years ago that had been placed on eBay by a guy who bought them from a scrap-metal dealer.

Grading seminar

April 6 was the CONA grading seminar held at the Oakstone Academy with the hosts/grading presented by John Roberts and Tony Cass. We had 14 attendees that had the opportunity to evaluate and assign grades to at least 50 coins.

The session started at 10 a.m. and went until after 2 p.m. Everyone was so excited that they are planning for the next seminar.

The first group of 20 US type coins were graded and evaluated by all. We then graded a second group of 20 US coins and evaluated the results with the attendees. Finally, we graded John's final group of 10 coins, tokens and medals from all over the world. What a fun time and challenge that group was to all of us. -- *Tony*

March winners

Door prizes: Kacy T., Marie G., Richard B. and Mark J.

Raffle: Steve R.

50/50: Mike D. was not present so the \$114 pot rolled over

First CONA medals distributed



CONA President Spence S. awarded the first CONA medals at the March meeting. The 1-ounce silver medals are being awarded to speakers and others who contribute significantly to the club.

John R., left, receives one for his January presentation on ancient coins. Steve Petty, lower left, was awarded a medal for his March presentation on the Society of Medalists. Marie G.s, below, was honored with a medal for her work as the club's treasurer.

Gerry Tebben also received a medal for his February presentation but couldn't take a selfie quick enough to capture the event. Rachel W. was not present but will receive her medal later for her March talk.



EAC

The Early American Coppers convention is being held in Dayton this year.

When: Thursday, May 2 to Sunday, May 5

Hours: May 3 10 am-5 pm / May 4 10 am-5 pm / May 5 10 am-3pm

Where: Dayton Convention Center (DCC)
22 E. Fifth Street

Club auction

Send May lots to Steve B. - sbx@columbus.rr.com - by May 7

Raffle

This month's raffle coin is an 1887 Morgan Dollar, NGC MS-64. Tickets are \$1 each; 6 for \$5, or 13 for \$10. Good luck everyone! - Gary

Columbus Coin Show

(No show in April)

Speakers

May ... Steve Petty, CAC populations

June ... John Roberts, GSA dollars

July ... Marie and Geoff (odd and curious)

Aug ... Show planning

Sept. ... Bruce S.

Oct. ... Chris (1952) and Marie (Seattle)

Hilltop auction

When: April 23, (5:30 p.m. lot viewing)

Where: Grove City Coin, 2655 Columbus St.

Greeting card power

Marlene Caldwell, the good-hearted person responsible for sending get well cards, remarked on the power of Hallmark.

"I sent Dan Carroll a get-well card," she reported at the March meeting. "It must have worked because he's here."

Our friends in Cincinnati have a great fundraiser. I get one every year - Gerry
These are not available for pickup in Columbus. All orders are mail orders unless you want to drive to Cincy

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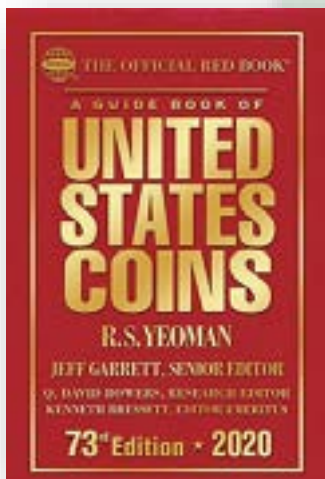
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The newest edition of the coin hobby's annual *Guide Book of United States Coins* (popularly known as the "Red Book") will debut on April 9, 2019, two weeks before National Coin Week. The 73rd edition (with a cover date of 2020) features extensively updated pricing and auction data reflecting the current market for collectible coins, which has seen dramatic ups and downs in the past year.

Purchase the new 2020 Redbook ([and or Bluebook](#)) through the Cincinnati Numismatic Association with a personalized bookplate and help support the club's educational programs. The cost is the same as last year, only \$15 and you can pick up your copy at a club meeting or have it delivered for just \$3 more.

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Atlanta, GA, April 1, 2014

Guide Book of Manhole Covers to be released. “Whitman covers the entire numismatic spectrum from the tiny half dimes and gold dollars to Swedish plate money and the stone money of Yap,” stated publisher Dennis Tucker. “Now, upper-size manhole covers add to what we do. Everyone is familiar with manhole covers, but until now there has been no comprehensive guide to grading and pricing them. We expect that this book will be well received worldwide.”



The book will also include a listing of known manhole cover manufacturers, mostly iron foundries. “Collecting manhole covers has many advantages,” Tucker continued. “First of all, many are available in circulation. With a pickup truck, a crowbar, and a helper, a beginning collection can be formed by prospecting on city streets. To avoid the constabulary and onlookers, the hours of 2 to 4 a.m. are recommended. Another advantage is that they are reasonably secure from theft and can be easily stored in a garage.”

Kenneth Bressett, editor of the new guide, commented: “That is not all. This will be the first Whitman book with pricing in all 70 grades, plus for each grade a – sign, + sign (except for MS-70 as one cannot be better than perfect), and a star.” Whitman continued by saying that it will also offer kits containing small steel plates that can be engraved with the grade and welded onto the manhole cover itself, for ease in buying and selling. The book has 288 pages, is hardbound, is in a limited edition of 250,000 copies, and is available for \$19.95 from your favorite bookseller or directly from Whitman. Plans are also being made for municipal sewer departments to offer them as well.

This Dave Bowers “press release” is reprinted from the E-Sylum, an electronic publication of the Numismatic Bibliomania Society. The weekly email newsletter is free.

MPC Fest XX

The most important event for military collectors will be held May 3rd - 5th. It's called the MPC Fest, and it is held in Port Clinton, Ohio. Over 60 people with interests in all types of military numismatic collectibles will be there. There will be presentations, show and tell with items newly discovered, March Madness (a trivia contest with questions about military numismatics to determine the national championship collector), an auction, and more!



Series 661 \$20 MPC, 1968-69.

When: May 3-5 (Likely optional post Fest field training on May 6 or May 6 and 7.)

Where: Holiday Inn Express, 50 NE Catawba Road, Port Clinton, OH 43452. Likely optional post Fest field training on May 6 or May 6 and 7.

Reservations: Call Kim at 419-732-7322. Chat or questions, call Fred Schwann at 419-349-1872, fred-schwan@yahoo.com

Fest sponsors: Brett Irick, Dave Seelye, Harold Kroll, Dave Hunsicker, Al Glaser, Warner Talso, Steve and Ray Feller, Joe and Louise Boling, Dave Frank welcome Festers to Camp Leo May.

More information can be found in the MPC Gram, a free email publication of Fred Schwann's BNR Press. To subscribe, go to: guide.us13.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=10eb366ab80344a56657e0d5d&id=58874b37e1